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PRESS RELEASE

ATTORNEY GENERAL CALDWELL RECEIVES WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM BRITISH PETROLEUM REGARDING CLAIMS PROCESS

(BATON ROUGE, LA)-- Attorney General Caldwell is pleased to announce that in accordance with his request and that of the other four Gulf Coast Attorneys General, British Petroleum confirmed today, in writing, one of the representations made in yesterday's meeting regarding payments made by them to claimants.

Today, British Petroleum's U.S. General counsel, John E. Lynch, Jr., confirmed in a letter to all five Gulf Coast Attorneys General, "I confirm that no person asserting a claim or receiving payment for interim benefits through our claims process will be asked or required to sign a release or to waive any rights to assert additional claims, to file an individual legal action, or to participate in other legal actions associated with this oil spill."

General Caldwell is pleased that the meetings with British Petroleum are apparently productive and producing good commitments to our citizens.

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